Appointment of Chancellors of universities

2008. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have considered the desirability of appointing eminent educationists as Chancellors to depoliticise the educational institutions;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government are likely to consider this question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Expenditure on Red Fort

2009. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of 23rd June, 1986, wherein it had been stated that the Red Fort is being given a major face-lift at Government cost of rupees 10 crores;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the expenditure incurred by Government yearly on the maintenance of this fort during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: (a) Yes, Sir, However, the estimated cost of the first phase of the programme worked out so far is Rs. 28 lakhs.

(b) The Red Fort and the buildings within are being taken up for large scale repairs because, since late 19th Century, major repairs have not been undertaken. Age and environment may damage the structures.

(c) The amount spent on the maintenance of Red Fort during the last three years is as follows:—

1983-84 . .	Rs. 2,36,002
1984-85 . .	Rs. 2,01,192
1985-86 . .	Rs. 3,63,880

Amendment of the Food Adulteration Act

2010. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Council of India Food Trade and Industry has asked the Central Government to amend the existing Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and also to set up quality Control Agency and to put Government certificate marks on all food products;

(b if so, the reaction of the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) what further amendments Government propose to make in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and to what extent the quality control of food products is likely to be checked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Government is considering to amend various provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 for ensuring greater protection to the interest of consumers.

Epidemic of Kala-Azar in West Bengal

2011. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kala-azar disease has assumed epidemic proportion in West Bengal according to a survey report by a Public Welfare Trust;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a team of experts from the School of Tropical